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THE FIRST AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE NEW STATE OF ISRAEL WILL COME UP FROM WASHINGTON TO SPEAK. HE IS

HIS EXCELLENCY ELIAHU ELATH

Born in the Russian Ukraine, Ambassador Elath went to Palestine to work as a farm laborer when he was twenty-one. He became so interested in the Arabs that he studied their culture at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem after which he lived with a Bedouin tribe for eight months in the desert and wrote his book "The Life of a Bedouin Tribe", a standard work on the subject.

During the war he helped arrange an underground system by which Jewish children were smuggled out of Germany and Austria to Palestine by way of Turkey... He has been here since 1945 when he came to the United States as an observer for the Jewish Agency at the United Nations organizing conference in San Francisco.

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Other important representatives of the new State of Israel will also be present at this luncheon. You are urged to send in your reservation cards promptly.

Mr. Aubrey Eban, head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations; Mr. Arthur Lurie, Israeli consul general; Si Kenen, head of the Israeli Information office in New York and Mr. Gideon Rafael of the UN delegation are expected to attend.

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FOR THE TIME BEING, THE OFFICES OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:30 A.M. until 8 P.M. five days a week. A new House Committee, when appointed, will probably formulate a new schedule.

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The annual meeting and election of the Overseas Press Club was held at the New York Newspaper Guild on Wednesday, April 13th. After a buffet supper and some very delightful singing by Kyle MacDonnell, star of the NBC "About Town" program, the meeting was called to order at 8:45 by W. W. Chaplin, President

Short reports were given by the President, Secretary and Treasurer, who had sent out the financial audited statement of the past fiscal year to all of the members both here and abroad. Craig Thompson reported that 108 new members had been admitted to membership in the OPC during the past year -- 86 active, 11 associate and 11 guest. Helen Kirtland was appointed chairman of the tellers for the counting of the ballots.

Mr. John Goette, chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the official slate as selected by his Committee. Hal Boyle was nominated from the floor for President by John Daly, Ed Murrow and "Pat" Morin. Mr. Frank Kelley was nominated by a vote of 76 to 45. Mr. Boyle was nominated from the floor for the vice presidency and the voting proceeded to elect three. Mr. Louis Lochner, Mr. John Daly and Mr. Craig Thompson were elected as vice presidents for the coming year. Ralph Jules Frantz was re-elected unanimously as treasurer and Hester Hensell was reelected unanimously as secretary.

The following Governors were elected by the 126 members present and voting:

WILLIAM F. BROOKS  
EGBERT WHITE  
PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE  
WILLIAM P. GRAY  
ROBERT STROTHER  
JOHN BARKHAM

JACK GLENN  
THOMAS M. JOHNSON  
ADELAIDE KERR  
BERNARD ESTES  
JOSEPH ROSAPEPE  
REAVIS O'NEAL

EDWARD R. MURROW

A first meeting of the new Board of Governors will be held in the clubrooms on Tuesday, April 26th at 8:30 P.M. Notices have been sent to all of the members of the new Board. Past Presidents who will serve on the Board this year will include W. W. Chaplin, Robert Considine, Lowell Thomas, Lucian Kirtland and Wythe Williams.

Other nominations made from the floor on Governors included the names of Bert Brandt, Ralph Major, George Kent, Pete Huss, Leo Branham, Charles Grumich, Dan Grossi, Katherine Leeds, Richard Tregaskis, etc.

New Committee chairmen will be announced by the new President, Frank Kelley and many policy problems of the club will be discussed at this meeting of the present Board.

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The New York County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States invites war correspondents to parade in their uniforms in its Loyalty Day pageant on Saturday, April 30th. Somebody told Richard Roffman (tel. MU 3-9093) that war correspondents never get a chance to wear their uniforms any more so he needs about fifty guys for the parade.

BARBARA WACE, formerly of Kemsley newspapers, returns to England at the end of April. She invites OPC members to come up for a drink to her Fleet Street apartment -- at 11 Old Mitre Court. Lucky girl to have an honest-to-goodness Fleet Street apartment.

The George Polk Memorial Award which was established this year by the Overseas Press Club and which was won by Homer Bigart of the N.Y. Herald Tribune (who is now working with the Washington Bureau of the Trib) has been considered so very important that it will be listed in the 1950 edition of the World Almanac, published by the N.Y. World Telegram.

W. W. CHAPLIN, after his report at the Annual Meeting, was presented by Bob Considine, former President, with a super Universal gold wrist watch given through BOB IA BLONDE of OPC by the Watch Makers of Switzerland to Bill who was completing his third term as President of the Overseas Press Club. The watch, according to BOB C. and BOB L., can do everything (or almost) CHAPLIN might need. He can take his own pulse, find out how fast the train on which he is riding is going, use the stop watch which does a split second job and tell the time, too. Expressing the appreciation of the membership for the wise and sound running of the Club by W.W., CONSIDINE told his successor and predecessor that the watch idea was a pretty good one.

FREDERICK OPPER, of the American Broadcasting Company in London, married Miss Katharine Blanchard, managing editor of "Screen Guide" when he was in the United States several months ago on leave. Our apologies to "Fritz" for not running the item sooner.

EARL LEAF, who has spent the past six months in Paris, the Riviera and Italy doing another book, returns to the States in May on the S.S. Coronica. He plans to be in New York a few weeks, go to California and then the South Sea Isles where he wants to spend World War III under a coconut tree in Tahiti. His assistant, Leonie Greenwood Adams, known to many OPC members, is marrying a British actor on the high seas this week.

Greetings to OPC members from MORTIMER BELSHAW, who has returned to Rome where he covers Italy by way of camera for the Associated Press.

THE COMPLETE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE FIFTH OPC BOOK WHICH IS SLATED TO BE CALLED "MEN WHO MAKE YOUR WORLD" WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE PUBLISHERS NEXT WEEK. JOHN BARKHAM AND BILL DOERFLINGER HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO MAKE THIS BOOK ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING PUBLICATIONS OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB.

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RALPH JULES FRANTZ, TREASURER, announces that dues should be paid within one month of the annual meeting (April 13th) making a deadline of May 13th. Members abroad have an extension of one month.

The following applications have been received in the Overseas Press Club. Please send in your commendations, complaints or suggestions to the Chairman of the Admissions Committee within a fortnight.

ACTIVE:

EDWARD D. BALL, Associated Press, Nashville, Tennessee. December 1942 to June 1944 in London. Europe from June 1944 until December 1946.

JACK BIRNS, Time-Life International Photographer. Dec. 1947 to present in Southeast Asia, roving assignments.

MORLEY CASSIDY, Paris correspondent for the Philadelphia Bulletin. Assigned for the Phila. Bulletin to Pacific Theatre, Jan. to Oct. 1943; European Theatre, Aug. 1944 to July 1945; Europe and Near East (all countries) June 1947 to Jan. 1948 -- same assignment from March 1948 to present.

SUTHERLAND DENLINGER, The Public Guardian, New York City. Scripps Howard newspapers from 1927 to 1936; USOWI 1943 to 1945; UNRRA, Public Information Officer 1946 to 1948. In 1928, N.Y. World Telegram correspondent in England; 1943-45, North Africa, Turkey, Egypt, Italy and Germany, USOWI; 1946 to 1948, UNRRA, Czechoslovakia, France, Switzerland, Germany.

SYDNEY MORRELL, staff of "The Reporter", New York. Correspondent for the London Daily Express from 1933 to 1947, covering all countries in Europe.

EMANUEL FREEDMAN, Foreign News Editor of the New York Times. October 1945 to Sept. 1948, News Editor of the London Bureau of the New York Times.

ROBERT S. GERDY, staff of "The Reporter". Air Force News Editor, ETO from 1943 to 1945 in England, France, Germany, Ninth Air Force.

ROY ROWAN, Time Life International Correspondent. Stationed in the Far East from Feb. 1948 to present.

RONALD MAILLARD STEAD, Roving staff correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor. War correspondent for the Monitor in Britain, North Africa, Italy, France, Germany. 1939 to 1945, and in last few years in China, India and Japan.

BOOKS RECENTLY RECEIVED IN THE OPC LIBRARY:

THE SONS OF NOAH, by Negley Farson, from Harcourt Brace and Co.

A CORNER OF THE WORLD, by Robert Shaplen, from Alfred Knopf

SPIT AND THE STARS, by Robert Mande, from Rinehart and Co.

FRANCE: A TRIBUTE OF AN AMERICAN WOMAN, from Florence Gilliam

LA CHASSE AU SNARK, by Lewis Carroll, translated by Florence Gilliam and donated by her.

NOTE: FLORENCE GILLIAM, a member of the Club now stationed in Paris, sent us her two books for the library.. Note that BOB SHAPLEN, author listed above, is a member of the club. He is now in Missouri doing some special stories.



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BILL COSTELLO of the Columbia Broadcasting Co. left Tokyo this week for a trip around the world, stopping at half a dozen cities in China, Southeast Asia and India and then to Italy and across the Continent to London, finally to New York for a couple of months and then Tokyo again. En route, Bill will do several articles for the Nation, MacLeans Magazine in Toronto, and perhaps some for the new magazine, "The Reporter", which was born this week.

STANLEY ROSS and his wife, the former Eleanore Austin Wren, writer and poet, is the father of a baby boy, named Michael Stanley. Mother and son are doing nicely despite a rugged siege. Stanley plans to go to Central America soon to look into a plan for founding another daily newspaper there.

RICHARD TREGASKIS, leaves this week with Mrs. T. for a three months tour of Europe and England, continuing his round-the-world assignment as roving correspondent for True magazine, Fawcett publication.

Adventures of AP's DAN GROSSI and Acme's BERT BRANDT were described in the April 26th issue of the Saturday Evening Post in a story about news photogs, by Stanley Frank.

A new book, "Above All Nations", by DEVERE ALLEN, editor of Worldover Press, just published by Harper's... it is an anthology of wartime deeds of decency and exceptional kindness to enemies across all battle fronts.

PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE, of Crowell Collier's, will not be able to attend the first meeting of the new Board of Governors... she will be in the New York Hospital -- nothing fancy, just a new baby to be born.

HAROLD CALLENDER, head of the N.Y. Times Bureau in Paris, has just received his watch (Hamilton gold engraved job) the award of the OPC which "Jimmy" James accepted for him at our Annual Dinner. Mr. James had waited to deliver it by a traveler. Callender is delighted with it...

The Library Committee sponsored its second party for member-authors this week when Alfred Knopf launched "TARGET YOU" a new book by Leland Stowe at a cocktail gathering of critics and friends of the author... WALTER DURANTY, EDGAR SNOW, RICHARD MOWRER, Marcus Duffield of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, Ted Shane of Collier's "Johnny White" of "The Reporter", AL NEWMAN, JOHN HEWLETT, BILL DOERFLINGER, JOHN BARKHAM, etc. were present. Lee says that more of these parties should be given by the Club and the publishers for members of the OPC whose books are published....Get in touch with the office if you have a book coming out.

HENRY BAGLEY, McGraw Hill correspondent in Rio de Janeiro, reminded BILL CHAPLIN when he was here several months ago on a leave in the States after three years of service abroad that Bill had been City Editor of the AP when BAGLEY was starting out on the AP's Latin American desk... at the time, CBS's EDMUND CHESTER was covering South America for the Associated Press, too, and LARRY HAAS, of CBS, served the United Press in South America.

HESTER E. HENSELL, EDITOR

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